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be taken for the introduction of the Railway into South Travancore.

Mr. Abdul Latiff Essa Sait (Member, Nominated) spoke strongly in favour of extending the Quilon Railway to Trivandrum. The Member said that goods now took four days to come from Quilon to Trivandrum. This meant variations in the market prices to the disadvantage of the importer. The Member suggested the construction of the Railway by forming a Company and asking the latter to raise capital by the issue of shares.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

65. *Opening of a State Bank at Trivandrum.*

Mr. Abdul Latiff Essa Sait (Member, Nominated) suggested the opening of a State Bank at Trivandrum. He said that, under this arrangement, Government money, now kept idle in the treasuries, could be made to bear interest, and there would be no necessity for transmitting money from one treasury to another, as that could be done by means of cheques. The Bank would benefit the public, especially the trading communities.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

66. *To penalize begging on the part of the able-bodied.*

Mr. Kanakku Mathevan Mathevan (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) said that beggars in Travancore were of two kinds, firstly, those who were physically unfit for any labour and were unable to maintain themselves except by begging, and secondly, such able-bodied fellows as could work for their livelihood but who would not do so on account of sheer idleness. The Member prayed that begging on the part of the latter class might be made penal.

Dewan.—The suggestion is hardly practicable.

67. *Entertainment of foreigners in the Public Service*

Mr. M. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) mentioned that the policy of the Government must be, as far as practicable, to confine the Public Service of this State to its subjects. The entertainment of foreigners in the higher grades must be only for limited periods; and in the lower grades it should be completely stopped, and if any such appointment had to be made under any exceptional circumstance, it must be done with the previous sanction of Government. The interests and happiness of the subjects in each country should be first safeguarded; and it was done best by giving them a full share in the Public Service. The Member said that signs were not wanting to show that the people of the State, as well as

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